

AHCCCS Dual Use Definitions

Legacy Identifier:

A "Legacy Identifier" is any identifier previously used to identify a health care provider prior to NPI. After the compliance date as stated in the AHCCCS Contingency Plan, only a NPI may be used to identify a health care provider in standard transactions. Legacy identifiers include AHCCCS Registration Numbers, Health Plan Registration Numbers, Medicare PINS, Blue Cross provider numbers, and other identifiers.

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AHCCCS will accept NPIs on claims and encounter transactions as of 1/1/2007. If the NPI is sent on a transaction, only the NPI will be used for processing. If the NPI has not been registered/enrolled by AHCCCS [NPI not on file with AHCCCS] the transaction will fail. Even though the "legacy identifier" may be included on the transaction, the NPI will be the ONLY identifier used to process transactions. AHCCCS will not attempt to process the transaction using the NPI and if the NPI is not on file, then check to see if the Legacy Identifier is also on the transaction and use it to process the transaction.